

1st Great News from the KING's Camp at
 Namurre, &c. July 19. 1695.
 13. July. 1695.

THE Trenches having been opened Three Days before the Town, we are far advanced. The *Brandenburgers* began on the 12th to attack a Bastion before *St. Nicholas's Gate*. We have three Batteries ready, have fired from one of them this 2 days, and shall do the like from the 3^d this Evening. We are preparing the rest with all possible speed, and planting the Cannon and Mortars upon them.

On the 12th the French made two Salies upon us, but were repulsed with loss, and we had only four men kill'd and seven wounded. And tho' the Enemy make a continual Fire, we have hitherto but little loss, Major General *Fagel* being wounded in the Neck by a Musquet Bullet which is still in the Flesh, he is thought to be in no danger. His Majesty sent him his own Doctor and Chirurgion. Vast multitudes of Fuscines, &c. are preparing, besides those we have already for the use of our Approaches and Batteries. Yesterday a Sculdier of the Blew Guards had his Right Hand cut off, and then was hang'd for shooing his Corporal.

Yesterday General *Lindeboom* mounted the Trenches, and advanced with great success. The Generals *Tettau* and *Dupuy* command the Artillery. The *Brandenburgers* have opened their Trenches beyond the *Matt*, hard by the Bridge, under the Castle. To morrow we shall have five more Batteries of 11, and 12 Cannon, each ready; and we are at present advanced with our Trenches close under their Works. The King hath made some new Dutch Major Generals and Brigadeers. Prince *Christian Louis* of *Brandenburg* is arrived here to serve as a Volunteer. We throw Bombs into the Outworks and Castle; but it's said that His Majesty will spare the City as much as possible. Deserters continue to come over to us daily.

From the Earl of *Athlone's* Camp at *Pont a Cell*, July 14. We are here encamp't with 35 Regiments of Horse and 4 of Dragoons, having received Orders to march and join the Prince de *Vaudemont*.

From the Prince of *Vaudemont's* Camp near *Ghent*, July 15. The Prince having Advice on the 13th, that *Villeroy* was marching toward him through *Courtray*, chang'd the disposition of his Camp; and some of the Enemies Squadrons charging our Out-Guards about Eight this Evening, they retir'd according to Order. Then we did cast up a Line to cover our Left Wing, and brought our Forces into Order of Battle. About eight this morning the Enemy advanc'd toward our Left with one Body, and our Right with another; but finding us so well intrench'd, they

made a halt; and finding our Batteries also well mounted with Cannon, they forbore attacking us. The Prince in the mean time having Advice that the Enemy, were twice our number, and design'd to attack us in Front and Reer, sent the Heer *Van Overkirk* with all the Horse and Dragoons to make head against the Enemy, while he march'd off the Cannon and Baggage, and the whole Army in so good Order, that we arriv'd with all our Cannon and Baggage under the Guns of this City, without any loss but that of 8 or 10 Dragoons of the Prince de *Birkinkvel's* Regiment, whom the Enemy charged. The Prince designs to march through the City, and Encamp beyond the *Scheld*, the Right towards *Gaver*, and the left towards this Place. *Villeroy* being enraged at missing of so good an opportunity, burnt the Village of *Wouterghem*, and 2 or 3 more where we had quartered.

Camp before *Casel*, July 3. Our Trenches are advanc'd 100 Paces farther since my last. We have dismounted some of the Enemies Guns, and are raising a new Battery for 16 heavy Cannon. The Spaniards opened their Trenches on the 30th past against the Cittadel. so that there are now three Attacques against it. Deserters inform us that the Montferis have revolted within the City against the Governour, which hath oblig'd him to turn 20 Guns against the Town, so that we doubt not of becoming Masters of it in a few Weeks. Yesterday six Heydukes were taken as deserting to the City, and two of 'em immediately hang'd.

Turin, July 4. The Confederate Troops which lay at *Vigon*, are march'd to *Buriasque*, within a Mile and an half *Pignerol*.

Vienna, July 6. The *Ruscians* have lately brought off 700 Black Cattle, some hundreds of Sheep, 70 Mules and many Horses from the Turkish Frontiers. It's said the Sultan talks of besieging *Eseck* with part of his Army, and observe ours by *Peter Warradin* with the other. Our Army, when last mustered, was 30000 Horse and Foot, and when the Saxons and *Brandenburgers* arrive will consist of 60000. The Turks are said to have 20000 by *Belgrade*.

Camp at *Namurre* 19. Yesterday about 6 we attack'd the Hill near the *Brussels Gate* with 14 Battalions of English and Scots under M. Gen. *Remy*, and 8 Foreign Regiments under *Saliski*; it continued about 2 hours, and we beat 'em out of 2 intrenchments, and 2 covered ways, and pursu'd 'em to the *Glack*: They lost above 800 Men, many Officers, and among others, a M. Gen. and Brigadeer. We lost about 500 Men, and rais'd 2 Batteries on the ground we took from them.

P. S. The French have repais'd the *Rhine*, leaving many sick men and four Field-Pieces behind. *Boufflers* hath sent to *Villeroy*, that if he don't make a speedy diversion he must yield.

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